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Minutes 03/10/2014

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 10, 2014
7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro.
Also present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim and Mrs. Krepelka.

Mr. Dunn requested a Moment of Silence for former Selectmen and Town Moderator Harry McCabe, Bill Armstrong, owner of Armstrong Ambulance and John Fitzmaurice, member of the Redevelopment Board.

7:15 p.m.

FOR APPROVAL

1. **CONSENT AGENDA** (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: February 24, 2014
 - b. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
Hydra Tech, Inc., Sterling, MA
 - c. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 3/29/14 @ Gibbs School Gym, 41 Foster Street for
Lesley Ellis Auction to Support Financial Assistance
Lynne Jacoby, Lesley Ellis School
 - d. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 3/29/14 @ Arlington Catholic High School for 'Quiz
Night' Annual Fundraiser
Lee-Ann Pepicelli-Murray, ACHS

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Trust Fund Commission
Damon Barglow
(term to expire 1/31/2017)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

3. For Approval: John F. MacEachern Memorial
Alexander J. Salipante, Chair, Public Memorials Committee

The Selectmen approved a request to memorialize the late John F. MacEachern whose estate left \$146,510. to the Town of Arlington.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Presentation: Arlington Cultural Commission
Adria Arch

Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Co-Chair, presented their first report to the Board. The mission of the Arlington Cultural Commission is to serve as a vocal and visible advocate for arts and culture in Arlington and advise the Board of

Selectmen regarding all matters of a cultural or artistic nature in the Town. The Commission recommends that the Town hire an Arts and Culture liaison, initially as an unpaid intern, in order to manage a website and cultural calendar designed to promote the arts and culture in Arlington. The Liaison would also coordinate additional publicly, assist in the production and promotion of collaborative events, create an inventory of public art, and keep and maintain public records. The Commission aims to do outreach and relationship building with other entities in town working on arts and culture activities. The Commission is prepared to lend assistance to the Town on the creation of policies related to the proposed warrant articles on street performers and the establishment of a Poet Laureate.

Mr. Curro and the Board thanked Stephanie Marlin-Curiel and the Commission for an excellent comprehensive report. Mr. Curro moved receipt of report and referred Addendum B, Arts and Culture Liaison, Town of Arlington, Job Description to the Town Manager for review.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Board also asked Stephanie Marlin-Curiel to send a sample of the proposed mural being planned for the side wall of Anthony's Deli at the intersection of Marathon Street and Massachusetts Avenue to Mrs. Krepelka.

5. Presentation: Arlington High School
Daniel J. Dunn, Chair

Lori Cowles, Architect for HMFH Architects, Inc. was commissioned in December to look at ways the school, which hasn't had a renovation since 1978 might be lacking. Ms. Cowles said a renovation on reconstruction project could cost anywhere between \$100,000M and \$130,000M. Said initial estimates are subject to change. Ms. Cowles stated there are more than 5,700 linear feet of hallway in the building, and the building is about 400,000 square feet but just half of that total space is put to use for programmatic learning. Much of the remaining space is unused or underused.

The Selectmen voted to issue a Statement of Interest to the MSBA for partnership with the School Committee in constructing a new high school. The Statement of Interest is a request to be considered by the MSBA for funding a building project. Submitting an Statement of Interest merely starts the conversation with the MSBA.

The Board thanked Ms. Cowles, Supt. Bodie, Ms. Johnson and teachers for an excellent report.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval to submit a Statement of Interest at our next meeting on March 24th.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 8 Bylaw Amendment/Regulation of Outdoor Lighting - Dark Skies Bylaw

Mr. Schlichtman asked the Town to amend the Town and Zoning Bylaws to further regulate outdoor lighting; to reduce or eliminate light pollution (artificial light which causes a detrimental Effect on the environment, interferes with the enjoyment of the night sky, causes undesirable glare, or unnecessary illumination of adjacent properties).

Christian Klein, 54 Newport Street sent a memo to the Board regarding his meeting before the Arlington Redevelopment Board. The ARB included proposed language for the article that under Section 2.b.4, an Exception to the Dark Skies legislation is granted for:

"Lighting during special events such as fairs, concerts, or celebrations sponsored by the Town of Arlington or approved by the Board of Selectmen, but not later than 10:30 p.m." He feels that any language approved by the Board of Selectmen include provision for events not sponsored by the Town with the approval of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Roland Chaput, member of the Friends of Robbins Farm stated he supports Article but wants the time restriction to be removed.

Mr. Byrne stated that most complaints are received at night and he wondered if the Police Dept. should be the department to investigate. Mr. Chapdelaine stated he would talk to the Police Chief, Director of Public Works and Inspector of Buildings as to who should implement said enforcement.

.Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 15 Bylaw Amendment/Cultural Commission
(tabled from 2.10.14 meeting)

The Cultural Commission submitted this article to change the name of the Cultural Commission in order to reduce confusion between the Arlington Cultural Commission and the Arlington Cultural Council. The proposed new name is the Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture (ACAC)

Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 17 Bylaw Amendment/Second Water Meter

Mr. Curro moved no action to allow residents to install a second water meter to measure water usage going through a permanently installed and Town of Arlington inspected backflow device feeding an in ground sprinkler system for landscape and gardening purposes. SO VOTED (3-2) Mrs. Mahon and Mr. Greeley voted in the negative.

Article 18 Bylaw Amendment/Lake Street Signs

Leslie Bennett, 16 Lake Street, submitted a Bylaw Amendment asking the Town to amend signs on Lake Street to allow residents to turn right at Wilson Avenue, Littlejohn Street and Homestead Road, 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Wilson, Mary Street, a State Trooper, spoke in opposition of said request. He feels it will become a speedway.

Elsie and Peter Fiore, 58 Mott Street, suggested that Ms. Bennett organize a neighborhood meeting to discuss the affects said change would have on abutting neighbors. She stated she would help Ms. Bennett with arranging said meeting.

Larry Takiff, 54 Margaret Street, stated he was in favor of the Article.

After much discussion, the Selectmen referred said request to the Police Department and Traffic Division for review and recommendation. Mr. Dunn stated that he would expect the Board to have a report for their April 7th meeting.

Mr. Byrne voted no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 22 Acceptance of Legislation/Community Preservation Act

At the request of Susan Stamps and ten registered voters, they asked the Board to accept Section 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of Massachusetts General Laws, the Community Preservation Act. Susan Stamp, 39 Grafton Street and Clarissa Rowe, 135 Egerton Road asked the Board to support the CPA as a way to access funds while retaining control of how they are used. Ms. Rowe stated its community money that is used in the community and it's decided on by local people. They both recommended a surcharge amount of 1.5 percent of residents' property tax bill. Their vote was also in support of provisions that exempt low-income residents and low to medium income seniors from having to pay into the program. The first \$100,000 of property value for residents or business owners would also be exempted. Ms. Stamps estimated the average annual cost for homeowners in town under the CPA as proposed would be \$86.00. She estimates the average CPA revenues for the town would be about \$1.5 million each year. Accordingly to CPA provisions, 30 percent of CPA revenues must be spent on historic resources, community housing, open space and recreation. Ten percent of revenues must be spent on each of those three categories.

Mr. Byrne stated that he supports the program's mission but did not want to ask residents to pay into it now, considering the need to ask for help paying for other upcoming major projects, such as potentially a new high school, proposed renovations to Minuteman Regional High School and an Override in 2019-2020.

Mr. Dunn stated he shared some of Mr. Byrne's concerns but believes adopting the program would help the town meet goals outlined in its five-year plan for capital spending.

The Town would be locked into the CPA for five years, at which point we would be allowed to exit the program. The following residents spoke in favor of establishing a Community Preservation Act:

Senator Kenneth Donnelly, 12 Grandview Road

Representative Sean Garballey, 45 Maynard Street

Denise Long, 48 Pleasant View Road

Sarah Burks, 993 Mass. Avenue, member of the Cyrus Dallin Museum Trustees

Ann LeRoy, 12 Peirce Street, Open Space Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED 4-1)

Mr. Byrne voted in the negative.

Article 25 Revolving Funds

(tabled from 2.10.14 meeting)

Article 25 would reauthorize revolving funds for various town facilities and programs previously established under town meeting vote

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

STM Article 2 Home Rule Legislation/Request for Legislation/All Alcohol Licenses

Mrs. Mahon moved approval to increase the total number of all alcohol licenses for restaurants from 15 to 20.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. FINAL VOTES AND COMMENTS

- Article 10 Home Rule Legislation/Cemetery Commission
- Article 11 Bylaw Amendment/Town Meeting Electronic Voting
- Article 12 Bylaw Amendment/Mount Pleasant Cemetery Parking Restrictions
- Article 19 Bylaw Amendment/Enforcement (Junk Cars)
- Article 20 Bylaw Amendment/Tar Sands Oil Free Arlington

Article 21 Amendments to the District Agreement of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District

Mr. Dunn stated that Minuteman Regional Vocational School changed the terms of the proposed changes to the regional agreement. Said change would be going from one- third of a vote to one-fifth of a vote. Mr. Dunn would like to see what the final agreement is before the Board votes.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 54 Resolution/Town Meeting Electronic Voting

Mr. Greeley moved approval of other Final Votes and Comments.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Scott Smith, Transportation
Advisory Committee

Information: Crashes @ Lewis/
Franklin/Philips Streets

Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of Correspondence Received.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Mrs. Mahon stated that the Arlington Cheerleaders came in 4th in the State Tournament held in Fiskdale, MA

Mr. Curro stated that he, Town Manager Chapdelaine and Mrs. Krepelka attended the Arlington Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, February 27th at the American Legion Hall. Mr. Curro attended the MMA Legislature Breakfast on Substance Abuse and wants to remind residents that expired medication can be still brought to the Arlington Police Station for disposal.

Mr. Dunn stated that the Double Pole Working Group have had 27 poles removed as of today and will give a detail report to the Board at a later date.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next scheduled meeting of BoS March 24, 2014

3-10-14

Documents Used

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7 Final Votes and Comments

Correspondence Received:Scott Smith Transportation Advisory Committee, Information: Crashes @ Lewis/Franklin/Philips Streets

